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1. In 1953, the Plan called for the production of two and a half billion bricks. This Plan quota was met by only 80%, as a result of the shortage of fuel, manpower, and plant capacity.
2. The yearly production quota of cement is set at 2,800,000 tons and was completed according to Plan in 1953. Early in 1954, there was a glut of this commodity and the storage spaces were all filled. The shortage of cement in late 1954 is the result of heavy exportation of this commodity and the shortage of fuel. The Plan envisages the export of 500,000 tons.
3. The 1954 production plan for window glass was two million square meters. Much of this was exported.
4. The following describes the situation with regard to fireproof building materials:
 - a. East Germany has the means to produce such material up to Grade A.2. Five-thousand tons of magnesite bricks for blast furnace walls have been imported yearly from Austria. The total requirement in East Germany is 10,000 to 15,000 tons. Since early 1954, the Aaken/Elbe plant has concentrated on the manufacture of magnesite bricks. This production is to reach a yearly total of 36,000 tons.
 - b. In 1954, 80,000 tons of silicate are to be produced. In 1955, this production is to be increased to total 105,000 tons. This will be for domestic uses. So far, this commodity has been imported from Hungary, Czechoslovakia. The increase in production will be made possible by the expansion of the Bad Lausick plant.
 - c. The yearly production of firebrick is 650,000 tons. The requirement of firebrick material up to Grade A 2 will be covered by this. Producers are the following works: Brandis, Rietschen, Eisenberg (for pressed

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quality bricks), Wetrow near Bautzen, Guttai/Lausitz, manufacturers of the basic material (Roh-Chamotte). Grade A 1 bricks are still imported

 These are needed for the steel plants. 25X1



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